

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: AVISTA'S ANNUAL PGA FILING, CASE NO. AVU-G-16-02

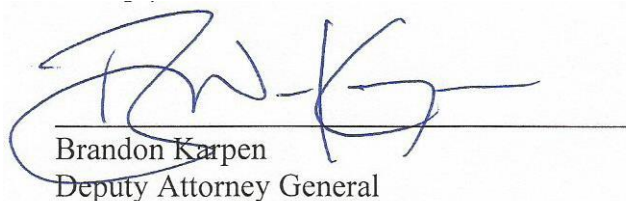
On August 29, 2016, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities filed its annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) Application asking to *decrease* its annualized revenues by about \$6.1 million (7.8%). Application at 1.¹ The Company says its proposal will not affect its earnings, and will decrease rates for an average residential or small commercial customer by \$4.65 per month (8.4%). *Id.* The Company states that it will issue notice of this change via a bill insert in September billing statements. *Id.* The Company asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure, and that the new rates take effect November 1, 2016. *Id.* at 2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the case be processed through Modified Procedure, with comments due by October 11, 2017, and a reply, if any, due by October 14, 2016.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process this case through Modified Procedure, with comments due by October 11, 2016, and a reply, if any, due by October 14, 2016.



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¹ The PGA mechanism is used to adjust rates to reflect annual changes in the Company's costs for the purchase of natural gas from suppliers – including transportation, storage, and other related costs.